

SPC Transit Operators Committee

Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2023

Attendees:

Members:

Alan Blahovec, WCTA
Anthony Hickton, CommuteInfo
Ashley Seman, MMVTA
David Wohlwill, PRT
Kathryn Schlesinger, PDP
Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA
Mavis Rainey, OTMA
Patti Lynn Johnston, TACT
Rudy Dutko, FACT
Sheila Gombita, WASH

Guests & Transit Staff:

Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County
Brandon Leach, PennDOT
Chris Sandvig, Mobilify
Derek Dauphin, PRT
Emily Ciganik, Allegheny County
Jason Theakston, Washington County
Kevin McCullough, PennDOT
Lynda Conway, CCS (Heritage Community Transportation)
Nugent Laing, HDR
Seth Davis, PRT
Tiffany Chaffee, TACT
Ed Typanski, PRT
Velie Sando, Mobilify

SPC Staff:

Caleb Knudsen
Chuck Imbrogno
Dan Bernazzoli
David Totten
Leann Chaney
Tomas Klevan

1. Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the 11/9/2022 TOC meeting were approved on a motion by Alan Blahovec and seconded by Mary Jo Morandini.
2. TIP Adjustments
 - a. MMVTA requested an administrative adjustment to the FFY2023-26 TIP to the project "Replacement Buses" (MPMS# 118166) to add \$156,000 in federal 5307, \$37,671 in other state and \$1,329 in local funding in FFY2023 to cover the increased cost of the 35' buses. The total value of the TIP change is \$195,000.
 - i. The request was approved on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and seconded by Alan Blahovec.
 - b. Pittsburgh Regional Transit requested an administrative adjustment to the FFY2023-26 TIP to the project "Bus Rapid Transit" (MPMS# 110895) to add \$19,285,801 in federal 5307, \$11,439,124 in state capital bond and \$381,206 in local funding to include federal American Rescue Plan contributions to the project. The total value of the TIP change is \$31,106,131.
 - i. The action was approved on a motion by Alan Blahovec and seconded by Mary Jo Morandini.
3. PennDOT Update
 - a. Kevin McCullough updated the TOC on several important multimodal items from PennDOT:
 - i. Plans for the new administration are taking shape, including key appointments.
 - ii. The NEVI electric vehicle charging grant program opens 2/24 and runs through 4/6.
 - iii. The next round of federal RAISE grants is set to open 2/28. This year, \$1.5 billion is available.
 - iv. Issues raised a legislative dispute over the Environmental Quality Board have been resolved.
 - v. Several bills are being considered in the state legislature that will variously impact funding for transportation, including gasoline taxes.
4. Long Range Plan Update
 - a. SPC staff met with staff from each transit operator in the region to prepare the list of projects to be included in the updated LRTP. To date, draft project lists have been completed for all transit agencies except for PRT, with that list expected by the next TOC meeting. Only minor changes to the plan's policies are anticipated, with the project list forming the substantial update. Draft transit projects were taken from the existing TIP, the state's Capital Planning Tool and discussions with transit staff. Staff are also considering anticipated funding sources and amounts. The draft LRTP will be presented to the TOC for endorsement in March. A final round of public meetings is also planned before the SPC considers adoption in June.
5. SPC/PRT Strategic Planning
 - a. SPC staff updated the TOC on a recent series of meetings between Pittsburgh Regional Transit and SPC leadership to coordinate planning, projects and funding.
6. Other Business

- a. The next meeting of the SPC Transit Operators Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 10am. This will be a virtual (Webex) meeting.
7. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Alan Blahovec and seconded by Ashley Seman.